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Subject: RE: Question on 'Human Exposures Currently Under Control' for Navy-Northrop Grumman Bethpage

Lorenzo:

Sorry for the delay on this response.

I placed the PCB/Metals/VOCs cleanup at the BPCP on earlier groundwater coordination meeting agendas, but later learned that these topics are not necessarily covered during the groundwater coordination meetings. This explains why these topics were not discussed.

Based on my familiarity with the site, PCB contamination in soil is being addressed at three areas of the site. These are summarized below. I have cc'd Steve Scharf on this email since he may be able to provide additional clarification.

- 1) PCBs/Metals Soil Contamination, Operable Unit 3 (Former Grumman Settling Ponds) – This area is being addressed by Northrop Grumman. Northrop Grumman has been having discussions with the EPA to understand TSCA requirements related to possibly changing the remedy from excavation and off-site disposal to a remedy involving soil washing. Should Northrop Grumman decide to pursue the soil washing remedy, then an OU3 ROD amendment would be needed. Northrop Grumman is expecting to initiate a pre-design soil sampling program this fall to provide additional delineation of PCB in soil. This part of the project will likely push past the March 31, 2018 deadline.
- 2) PCBs Residential Yard Cleanup Operable Unit 3 (OU3) - This was completed by Northrop Grumman and all potential exposures to human health have been addressed.
- 3) OU1 Site 1, Plant 3 – This area is being addressed by the U.S. Navy. Due to an increase in the overall volume of PCB contamination based on investigation efforts, the Navy is re-evaluating remedial options as part of an FS. Navy will be preparing a ROD amendment later in 2017/early 2018 due to a significant change in the volume and distribution of PCBs in the soil. This part of the project will likely push past the March 31, 2018 deadline.

Thanks and call or email with any questions.

Jason

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Hi, Again, Jason,

Am emailing to you this time on a different NWIRP-NG issue... We're tracking RCRA commitments/targets for NWIRP-NG, specifically a commitment for March 31, 2018 date for Human Exposures Currently Under Control (CA725). I was made aware by my predecessor, Carol Stein, that there was an issue with PCBs in soils which had delayed achieving this commitment. Can you please let me know whether or not this is still an issue and/or when NYSDEC anticipates that this will be resolved. I am not that familiar with the details of the issue. I just know based on EPA/NYSDEC email communication over the last few months that I've been on this project that Navy's discussion of PCB removal at Site 1, Plant 3 and NG's discussion of PCB/Metals/VOC Cleanup at BPCP were on the agenda for last-held NWIRP-NG Groundwater Quarterly Coordination meeting on 3-1-17 but no discussion of either took place in the meeting, and a recommendation is now being made to remove both topics from future quarterly coordination meeting agendas.

Thanks again, Jason.

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